

Minutes of the BICC Executive Board Meeting held on June 4, 1973 at N.J. Bell Telephone Company, 540 Broad Street, Vail Hall.

The meeting was opened by Richard Proctor, Jr.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jules Lozowick in the absence of Mr. Joseph Denahan. It was reported that BICC has an income of \$13,000 from the Chamber, expenses that total \$23,000 and \$800 in outstanding bills, making an overall total of \$24,000, meaning that an additional \$10,400 would be needed to eliminate a deficit.

Mr. Thomas Boykin reported on Finances from outside sources. The commitment from Victoria will be \$5,000 depending upon a letter that went out under the signatures of Mr. Lozowick and Mr. Proctor. Mr. Boykin stated that he was finally able to get in touch with Ann Attridge of Schering Corp. It was relayed that BICC is on the agenda, and that we would be receiving something, although it would remain undisclosed until the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. Mr. Boykin further noted that he'd learned that Mr. Gordon McGinnis has taken a one year leave of absence in order to run for Assemblyman or Legislator from Morris County. The bid for funding will be made as soon as it is disclosed as to where and whom Mr. Boykin should address his correspondence to, regarding the matter.

It was noted that all foundations and companies being contacted for possible funding should be notified that there have been requests made to other companies and/or foundations.

Before the report by the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, Mr. Proctor introduced the new board members from the community side. Mr. Al Vaughn, of the Essex County Urban League, Mr. Stanley Porteur, of CIRS (Community Information and Referral Service) and Mrs. Helen Mitchell, President of the Welfare Rights Organization.

The Community Affairs and Public Relations item on the agenda for discussion was the BICC history as compiled by Mr. William A. Mercer, and it's possible publication by one of the companies in time for the 10th Anniversary. Mr. Lozowick stated that he would work with Mr. Mercer on the details and report back to the Board Members.

It was suggested that in celebration of the 10th Anniversary, that a Reception be given, sometime in October, funded by those participating companies. This discussion was deferred until after discussion regarding the move to the Chamber.

Jules Lozowick reported on his meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, which was covered by a memorandum passed out to all present.

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Mr. Boykin relayed information on his conversations with Aspira, and their interest in the space that BICC is presently occupying, and noted that in the event that BICC does move, Aspira would be interested in taking over the space. In terms of rent, at least \$600 per month was discussed, BICC would only need a couple of offices, while Aspira would be using 6/7ths of the space. No finalities will be discussed until the 1974 Fiscal Budget for Aspira is determined.

There was discussion and clarification of the "Statements of Purpose" outlined by Jules Lozowick at the previous meeting.

Motion was made that BICC enter in negotiations with the Chamber for the amalgamation, and move into the Chamber offices, maintaining BICC's separate identity. Properly moved and second, the motion was opened to the floor for discussion and questions. It was felt that one problem would be the inhibitions felt by some community people in having to come up to the offices on the 27th floor of 1180 Raymond Blvd, in order to get into a training program. Also, not housing BICC offices there, would alienate many community people from being involved with BICC.

As an answer to this problem, if it arose, would be to maintain an office at the present address for interviewing, counseling and related functions, while the Executive Office is located at the Chamber address. After discussion of this and other problems that might come up, the motion was voted upon and passed.

In returning to the question of a Reception for the 10th Anniversary, it was relayed that the cost would run approximately \$600, and that the businesses involved would be looked toward in defraying the costs of the affair. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to begin planning some sort of an affair for the Fall. Members of that Committee are: John Maguire and Flora Baldwin, with Mrs. Helen Mitchell acting as a backup for Ms. Baldwin. It was noted by Mr. Proctor, that Mrs. Mitchell could be instrumental in getting the community involved in the venture.

Mr. Loswick brought up the idea of starting Executive Committee meetings at 4:00 p.m. instead of 4:30, in order to grant more time for discussion of business. This idea was talked over, but no decision was made. It was announced that there would be no Forum meetings during July and August, and the next one would be held on September 10, 1973. Mr. Proctor read a letter that was written to Mr. Kleinert of N.J. Bell, thanking him for his cooperation in letting BICC use Vail Hall over the past years.

Mr. Thomas Boykin reported on the Training Programs, and the problems that have come up with the Police Training Program. The fact that the Civil Service filing date for the test has been moved back has also delayed the maximum 35 day wait after the closing filing date before the actual test is given. Mr. Boykin stated that there are currently three clerical programs going at present and the ESL program was due to start the following day.

Mr. Boykin acknowledged the receipt of a check from Mr. John Clarkson and Mutual Benefit Life to sponsor the Evening Advanced Class. Mr. Boykin relayed the fact that BICC may lose the space at Rutgers University, due to the fact that Rutgers is bringing in all their offices from leased space into their own facilities, however, Mr. O'Connor (Rutgers Personnel) says no formal request has been made, but he will keep me informed. Mr. Boykin also informed the Executive Committee that he had talked with and written a letter to Mr. Ron Harris regarding his termination from the BICC effective July 1, 1973.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnette Cooke